

United States Coast Guard

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

FYTD16 Enforcement

Overview



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Enforcement Effort*

FYTD16 (through 31AUG16)

**Comparable
to FY15**

CG Asset	Patrol Hours
Aircraft	1421
Small Boats	8195
Cutters > 65'	40,785
Total Hours	50,401

***Domestic Fisheries**

- Atlantic Seaboard
- Gulf of Mexico
- Caribbean
- Great Lakes



Total HMS Boardings FYTD16 through AUG

CG Boarding Activities	District 1 (NE)	District 5 (Mid-Atlantic)	District 7 (Southeast and Carib)	District 8 (Gulf of Mexico)	All Units
FY14	32	92	53	26	203
FY15	95	109	37	22	263
FYTD 2016					
Commercial	68	49	3	4	124
Passenger	3	12	1	0	16
Pleasure	29	45	14	0	88
FYTD Total	100	106	18	4	228

There is still one month left in the fiscal year.
CG has already outpaced boardings in the Northeast compared to FY15. Boardings have decreased in the Southeast and Gulf of Mexico.

USCG Boardings where HMS Violations were Detected: MAR – JUL 2016

CG District	Date	CG Unit	Potential Violation
D8	MAR16	CGC COBIA	Failure to possess all turtle handling/release gear (comm)
D8	JUN16	STA Freeport and NOAA	Possession of 06 Yellowfin Tuna without HMS Permit (rec)
D1	JUL16	STA Fire Island and NOAA	Possession of undersized Yellowfin Tuna (rec)
D1	JUL16	STA Montauk	Possession of White Marlin and Skipjack without HMS Permit (rec)
D5	JUL	CGC IBIS	Possession of Bluefin Tuna without HMS Permit (rec)

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Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity along US/MX EEZ: FY14- FYTD16*

	Detections	Interceptions	Interdictions
FY14	163	117	33
FY15	223	160	38
FYTD16	131	108	33

Good news: FYTD16 is highest interdiction rate in at least the last 8 years. CG is analyzing the “why’s” behind this.

****Through JUL**

Foreign Fishing Vessel Activity- Boardings where HMS catch was present (MAR – JUL 2016)

Incursion Date	Gear Type &Length	Number &Type of HMS Species
24MAR16	2NM Longline	01 shark
26MAR16	Not reported	08 sharks
01JUN16	1NM Longline	01 shark (released alive)
14JUN16	2200 yds Longline	04 sharks (dead), 07 sharks (released alive)
18JUN16	Not reported	01 shark (released alive)

CG has reminded field units of the value of identifying species, when safety permits.

Ongoing Efforts

- **Active on the US Delegation to ICCAT.**
- **Working with Mexico to plan concurrent patrols and/or have Mexican law enforcement on CG ships.**
- **Participating in the Presidential Task Force Implementation regarding Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported (IUU) Fishing**
- **Supporting the Dept of State's Safe Ocean Network initiative to combat IUU fishing through capacity-building and information-sharing with international partners.**

Questions?



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